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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

##### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point, to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary, with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

##### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013:**

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

##### District 4

District 4: **will be closed.**

##### District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013:**

**Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Point Warde.**

**District 10**

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013:**

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

**District 11**

The following area will be open to purse seining from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11:**

**Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:**

**Amalga Harbor SHA**: will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65' N. latitude, 134°49.30' W. longitude, running west to the northernmost tip of Gull Island at 58°30.35' N. latitude, 134°52.14' W. longitude, then running south to the southernmost tip of Bird Island at 58°29.32' N. latitude, 134°51.01' W. longitude, then running southeast to a point at 58°28.72' N. latitude, 134°47.74' W. longitude, then running northeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78' N. latitude, 134°47.26' W. longitude, then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°28.99' N. latitude, 134°47.41' W. longitude, then north to the westernmost tip of Kishbrock Island at 58°29.47' N. latitude, 134°47.78' W. longitude, and then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02' N. latitude, 134°48.06' W. longitude.

**District 12**

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Chichagof Island Shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline north of the latitude of South Passage Point (including the waters of Tenakee Inlet east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point and Freshwater Bay to normal markers);

Kelp Bay and Catherine Island shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of Baranof Island and Catherine Island north of South Point at 57°16.28' N. latitude (except that all waters of The Basin will be open) and south of 57°21.00' N. latitude;

**Hidden Falls THA**: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

**Kasnyku Bay**: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N. latitude, 134°50.53' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013:**

**Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:**

**Sitka Sound and contiguous waters:** will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock Light to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

**Silver Bay:** will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

**Camp Coogan Bay:** will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

**Crescent Bay:** will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge to The Twins Light to the southernmost tip of Guertin Island;

**Starrigavin Bay:** will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

**Olga Strait:** will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

**Nakwasina Sound:** will be closed northeast of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°10.58' N. latitude, 135°24.81' W. longitude to the easternmost tip of Crosswise Island to the northernmost tip of Beehive Island then due west to the Halleck Island shoreline.

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

**Saook Bay:** will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

**Rodman Bay:** will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

**Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay:** will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, and from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 12, 2013:**

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W. longitude (normal markers).

**The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 11, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 12, 2013:**

**Section 13-A will be open in the following area:**

**Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point and in Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore with the following restrictions:**

**Lisianski Inlet: will be closed south of a line from 57°56.79' N. latitude, 136°14.46' W. longitude to 57°56.86' N. latitude, 136°12.35' W. longitude;**

**Stag Bay: will be closed east of a line from 57°55.52' N. latitude, 136°21.47' W. longitude to 57°55.97' N. latitude, 136°21.53' W. longitude.**

#### District 14

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013:**

Section 14-C: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

**Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions:** For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

**District 4 Closure:** Although pink salmon harvest was very good in District 4 this week, Pacific Salmon Treaty obligations restrict our ability to fish at the level that strong pink salmon returns would dictate. The Skeena River inseason forecast for sockeye salmon will not meet basic escapements needs. The result of this poor sockeye return requires restricted fishing time in District 4.

**Hidden Falls THA Information:** The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 135,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,180,000 available for common property harvest. On July 4, the average weight of chum salmon was 6.8 pounds and the sex ratio was 44% male. As of July 9, NSRAA is on schedule to achieve broodstock requirements. Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect and includes the Kelp Bay/Catherine Island area – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

**The actual pink salmon catch based on fish tickets in the July 5 Hawk Inlet test fishery was twice the estimate previously reported. The 3,000 pinks caught were close to the ten year average harvest for the date.**

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, July 12, 2013.**

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S25313.

**Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates**  
**Statistical Week 28**  
**Preliminary Estimates compiled July 9, 2013**

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	1,000	1,800	150,000	12,000	164,800	21
District 2	0	4,500	4,200	72,000	29,000	109,700	28
District 4	0	5,300	7,000	160,000	13,000	185,300	17
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	450	150	83,000	9,000	92,600	15
12-A Kelp Bay	0	160	340	26,000	9,000	35,500	10
12-A Tenakee Inlet	0	500	200	190,000	17,000	207,700	35
Section 13-C	0	240	150	59,000	13,000	72,390	14
Section 14-C	0	1,400	400	365,000	24,000	390,800	80
Deep Inlet THA	150	120	30	2,000	29,000	31,300	10

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	48	86	7,143	571	7,848
District 2	0	161	150	2,571	1,036	3,918
District 4	0	312	412	9,412	765	10,900
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	30	10	5,533	600	6,173
12-A Kelp Bay	0	16	34	2,600	900	3,550
12-A Tenakee Inlet	0	14	6	5,429	486	5,934
Section 13-C	0	17	11	4,214	929	5,171
Section 14-C	0	18	5	4,563	300	4,885
Deep Inlet THA	15	12	3	200	2,900	3,130

District 10: confidential.

Redoubt Bay: confidential.

Anita Bay THA: 300 chums and 2,700 kings harvested to date.

Kendrick Bay THA: 2,500 chums harvested to date.

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